

Happy New Year!!!

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Hot Tubbin' Before Exams!



Pictured here, behind all that steam in the tub (L to R): Jody Sanderson, Janice Aglietti, Christine Denham, Gretchen Brown, Kristina Couglar, Kathy Texido

The sisters of Delta Phi Mu helped students relieve a little pre-exam stress on Friday, December 6, 1996, when they sponsored a "Ski the Swiss Alps" TGIF Party in the Wick Snackbar.

One of the party's attractions was a steaming (as you can see, we really mean steaming!) hot tub just outside the Snackbar exit in back of Wick Center. Remember, "All work and no play..."

JANUARY

Warriors' Home Games:

January 4	Nyack	3 pm
January 25	Point Park	4 pm

Lady Warriors' Home Games:

January 25	Point Park	2 pm
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WARRIOR

Don't miss January's TGIF Parties

Friday, January 10
with the sisters of
Lambda Chi Iota

Friday, January 24
with the sisters of
Delta Phi Mu

Time: 5 - 8 pm

Place: Wick Center Snackbar

Admission: \$1

Great
food
and
drink
will be
served!



AN IMPORTANT REMINDER
TO ALL FACULTY AND
STUDENTS FROM THE
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE:

ROTATION DAY

IS THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 20

STUDENTS AND FACULTY ARE
TO FOLLOW THEIR
MONDAY CLASS SCHEDULE.
THIS INCLUDES EVENING
CLASSES: ATTEND MONDAY
EVENING COURSES

CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE

Sunday Worship

Catholic Mass:

Sundays and holy days at 4 pm in
Alumni Lounge.

Ecumenical Evening Service:

Sundays at 5:30 pm, now in Oddy
Lounge (the room right next to Alumni
Lounge) *Everyone welcome!*

Office Hours

MON-THU 11:30 am - 1 pm
(Reverend John Wetherwax)

THURSDAYS 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
(Joanne Stiller)

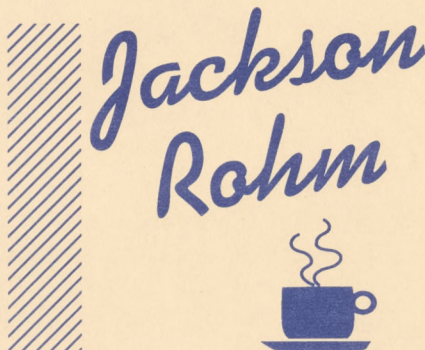
SUNDAYS 2 - 5:30 pm
(Joanne Stiller)

The Campus Ministry Office is located in
the Charles Wick Center, across from the
gameroom. Phone: 839-8237

Daemen Athletic Club & Student Association
invite you to a

Daemen Coffeehouse

featuring:



Saturday, January 18
8 - 9:30 pm
Wick Snackbar

complimentary desserts and
specialty coffees served

free admission

THE NEXT COFFEEHOUSE WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 1!!!

Daemen College Tuesday Night Film Series

ACT your age!

Can anyone forget (even if we try!) the daze and confusion, the trials and tribulations of teenage angst? Join us for five different films that explore the adolescent experience in all its perplexing glory.

Tuesday, January 28, 1997

7:30 pm, Alumni Lounge

Heathers

(1989) Director : Michael Lehmann

A wickedly comic satire on high school, covering such all-important topics as popularity, sex, and football.

Commentator: Shirley Peterson, Associate Professor of English at Daemen College. Dr. Peterson specializes in research on representations of gender in film and modern literature.

NO ADMISSION CHARGE-----THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME

Student Organization Profiles |||||

To help the student body become more familiar with the various student organizations that exist on campus, Amy Garbacz, the Student Association Vice President of Publications, requested that groups submit a little profile of themselves for publication in the Ascent. Here are some of the profiles. Look for others in future editions of Ascent.

DAEMEN ATHLETIC CLUB

Daemen Athletic Club (DAC) is a group of students that is dedicated to improving the athletic facilities and student involvement in activities at Daemen. DAC is geared toward athletic involvement, but actually strives to increase student involvement in all aspects of Daemen College.

DAC has successfully completed many of their major goals. Last year, they supported and helped bring the sand volleyball court to the lawn behind Wick Center. They developed an intramural volleyball program, created an aerobic program, and began a halftime show during the Daemen Basketball games.

DAC is presently working on ping pong, pool, and volleyball tournaments. They are developing ideas on how to improve the gameroom in Wick and the weight room as well.

Members of DAC are happy to hear your suggestions and encourage your attendance at their weekly meetings. It's never too late to get involved. DAC welcomes all new members. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Patrick Forget at pforget@daemen.edu or through M.B. 166.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

The Psychology Club is an organization that promotes activities and concerns of Psychology. Its purpose is to allow students to initiate and carry out activities that further the academic and communal aspect of Psychology.

In the past, members attended the Eastern Psychological Association Conference in Boston, MA and Philadelphia, PA. This semester, the Psychology Club plans to attend the EPA Conference in Washington DC. Fund-raisers and activities will be held throughout the semester to help defray the cost of the trip. Further information about this trip will be made available soon. If there are any questions about the Psychology Club, contact Andrew at 648-3219 (H).

ART CLUB

The Daemen Art Club is just starting to get itself back together into a functioning organization here on campus. The purpose of this organization is to promote an appreciation for the Fine Arts. For example, we have an annual fall Toronto trip to visit the art gallery in Ontario. New this year, we are bringing in guest speakers from the art world to have them share their experiences with us, and planning is underway for events involving the upcoming Student Show, All High Show, and the Faculty Shows that will be happening this spring. We are also involved in community service.

If anyone is interested in more information, feel free to call either Kevin (839-7634) or Alison (634-8357). We'll be happy to talk with you.

LAMBDA CHI IOTA

Lambda Chi Iota is a social sorority. We have been a recognized organization on Daemen's campus since 1980. We have many social and community service events each semester. We host happy hours, coffeehouses, and bar parties. We participate in Bus Trip weekend, Springfest, and many other activities sponsored by other organizations. Each year, we have a winter banquet and a spring picnic with our brother fraternity, Phi Beta Gamma, and we have a brunch for all the sisters.

We do a lot of community service each year. Some of the things we do are: a Stationary Bike Challenge for the Blind Association of Western New York; Jump for Heart for the American Heart Association; MS Walk-A-Thon; visiting our "grandpa" in a local nursing home; Daemen Alumni parties (Halloween, Christmas, and Easter); AIDS benefit activities, as well as participating in community service events sponsored by other organizations.

The sisters of Lambda Chi Iota are also a very diverse group of people with many different interests outside of the sorority. Some of our sisters are on the SA board, we have many RA's, and sisters are involved in Special Olympics, Resident Council, Student Alumni Association, Campus Ministry, and SPTA.

FUN!!!

Student Organization Profiles

MULTI-CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

There is a need of awareness of cultural diversity of students on the Daemen campus and in the surrounding community. The purpose of the Multi-Cultural Association (MCA) is to stimulate the awareness by presenting educational and enlightening activities for the student body.

We feel that Daemen College is designated to educate, cultivate, and motivate its student body. As students of such an institution, we feel it is necessary to aid in the education of the students on the histories and achievements of the individual cultures.

MCA has shown its support to other organizations on and off campus. We rode in the Bike-A-Thon with Lambda Chi Iota, we put together a Fashion/Talent show last year, showcasing many of the talents of Daemen students, as well as other off-campus organizations like the sisters of Zeta Phi Beta. Every year, we sponsor a Food Night where students from different cultural backgrounds cook a dish from their native countries. Recently, MCA gave a party for the upcoming students that are interested in attending our school. Our meetings are every other Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in Wick Social Room. If you would like more information about our organization, please send an E-Mail to okelly@daemen.edu

SOCIAL WORK ALLIANCE

The Social Work Alliance is primarily made up of social work majors and those who are considering changing their majors to social work, but all students are invited to attend. The SWA provides and sponsors volunteer opportunities, educational activities and speakers, and campus events. Notices of meetings are posted throughout the campus. For more information, contact one of the officers:

Kathleen Rahuba (president) krahuba@daemen.edu
Wiona Miller (vice president) wmiller@daemen.edu
Ann Pierpaoli (secretary/recorder) apierpao@daemen.edu
Rebecca Meinke (treasurer) rmeinke@daemen.edu

SIGMA OMEGA CHI

Sigma Omega Chi sorority was established in Buffalo, NY on December 29, 1958, at Erie Community College. Gamma Chapter was established on March 27, 1977, at Daemen College in Amherst, NY.

The purpose of this organization is to strengthen the bonds of fellowship and friendship amongst its members; to encourage and promote good scholarship and student social activities; to render services to the student body, as well as the faculty, the community, and humanity; and above all, promote honor and sisterhood.

For more information, contact Marcia Tyczinski, President, or Michele Crumb, Vice President, through the sorority's mailbox behind Wick Desk.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Special Olympics is a community service organization. The Special Olympics program at Daemen is in basketball. We have nine male athletes ranging from 22-48 years of age. We meet every Saturday morning from 9 - 11 am in the Daemen gym. The athletes practice basketball skills and scrimmage against each other. In April, we take the team to district competition where they compete in individual skills events. The athletes bring home lots of gold and silver each year. Also in April, we hold the annual Faculty vs Student basketball game to raise money for our program. During the halftime of the game, our athletes scrimmage against each other. This is the athletes' favorite part of the year, because they get a chance to play in front of people.

The Special Olympics program is a very rewarding experience for volunteers. You don't even have to be any good at basketball to help out (most of us aren't). The athletes really benefit a lot from the interaction with each other and with the volunteers. If you're interested, please put your name and phone number in the Special Olympics mailbox located behind Wick Desk, and please support us this spring.

LEADERSHIP!

PSI XI OMICRON

The sisters of Psi Xi Omicron proudly announce the expansion of our family. This fall we have incorporated six new members.

If you ever wondered who Psi Xi Omicron is, here is your chance to find out.

Our sorority was founded by nine people who wanted to form an organization with a unique purpose, that of community service. In doing community service, we get a sense of gratitude, because we are giving those in need a little ray of sunshine. The incorporation of our organization in the Daemen College campus was made possible in 1989.

It is because of the bond we possess as sisters that we have had the opportunity to participate in walks, such as the Heart Walk, in soup kitchens, in places as delightful as Ronald McDonalds House, as well as selling pumpkins to feed the hungry by donating the money to Friends of the Night.

In the coming semester, together with the community, we hope to reach out our hands and help those in need. We are also looking for young, enthusiastic-ladies that would be interested in joining us in our quest to be an original organization; an organization founded in the principles of respect, individualism, and originality.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Toni Calton at 838-2950, or Miriam Tejada at 839-7328, or just drop us a note in our mailbox slot behind Wick Desk. Thank you!

BETA BETA BETA

Tri Beta is a national biological honor society. In order to be eligible for full membership, a student must be a biology or natural science major with high academic standing. Tri Beta is involved in fund raising to support biologically related organizations such as the zoo. Members also participate in community service activities which benefit the environment.

If you are interested, and unsure if you qualify, contact Dr. Robert Gunther, ext. 8419.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON

I am writing this on behalf of my fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, to encourage you to look into our organization. We take great pride in trying to show how interested we are in trying to recruit hopeful new members into our fraternity. We hope that by extending this invitation, you might contact us to find out more information on the number one fraternity on campus, and abroad.

Let me give you just a little information about us:

- Over 191,000 men have joined Sig-Ep since 1901.
- We're the fastest growing fraternity in the nation.
- We have the largest undergraduate membership in the world of any fraternal organization.
- Some famous Sig-Eps include:

Minnesota Vikings Quarterback Rich Gannon
Actor Carroll O'Connor (Archie Bunker)
Indians pitcher Orel Hershiser
Author Dr. Suess
Governor Edgar Herschler
Just to name a few!!!

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon, New York Kappa, at Daemen College hold many community service events each year to help the community. These service hours go towards the mandatory service hours each Daemen student is required to have before graduation. We hold many social events each year as well, both on and off campus, to help take some of the pressure off of school work!!! Every semester, we have a huge Airband party during the Bus Trip weekend that Daemen holds.

If you are interested in finding out more about our fraternity, ask any of our brothers. Also, please do not hesitate to call us, we'd be glad to help you in any way that we can. Questions or comments: Jamie M. Kozak, President at 839-9175, or Rhett Jordan at 839-7425.

If you would like to profile your organization in a future edition of ASCENT, send your submission to the Student Activities Office (box 815) by the 15th day of the month preceding the issue.

INVOLVEMENT!

DAEMEN THEATRE

"Western New York's most charming theatre space!"

Summerfare
presents



Lies & Legends:

The Musical Stories of Harry Chapin

A unique musical experience weaving a quilt of American lives.

JAN 9 - 26 & FEB 6 - 16

Thursdays, Fridays at 8 pm

Saturdays at 4:30 & 8 pm

Sundays at 3 pm

General Admission: \$18
Senior Citizens: \$15
Students: \$10
Children less than 10 pay their age.

Call 839-8540 for more information and ticket reservations.

CONFESSIONS of an Entry-Level Hiring Manager

I have some confessions to make. I'm a Hiring Manager. I can hire you. But, I can also decide not to hire you. And for every person I hire, twenty hopeful contenders are left by the wayside. You need to understand that the job search process is not designed for your benefit—it benefits me and my company. But you still have to work within that process. We're very picky about whom we eventually hire. We are making an extremely large investment in our entry-level training and want to make sure we hire only the best. And there are certain things that I do to weed out and exclude those who don't fit our precise criteria. This is my public confession.

- Brian Krueger, CPC

How do you learn to work within the job-search process? Take advantage of the services offered to you through the Department of Cooperative Education and Career Development, for example:

- CO-OP Placement - provides real world work experience in your chosen field
- Resume Writing & Business Communication Assistance
- Credential/Reference File Service
- Resume Forwarding Program
- Interview Practice & Suggestions
- Job Fairs
- Job Opening Announcements & Listings

Stop by the Department in Canavan Hall, or call us at 839-8334 for more information.

Adapted from an article by the same title by Brian Krueger, CPC, written for Career Magazine, 1996.

BRIEFS

Cheerleading

There is an interest meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 16, at 5:30 pm in Wick Center Oddy Lounge. All are welcome to attend.

Thank You

The Resident Council would like to thank Daemen Dining Service for providing exam snacks to the campus during exam week. They would also like to thank President Martin Anisman; Vice President for Business Affairs, Frank Balcerzak; Director of Student Activities, Chris Malik; and Director of Student Housing, Jim Burke for serving pizzas at one of the study halls during this week.

Gameroom in Wick

Are you one of those commuter students who rarely gets over to Wick Center? Are you also someone who is looking for a diversion to the library or computer center? Well then stop by the Wick Center Gameroom and play some pool, ping pong, foosball, or darts. All you need is your ID to borrow equipment from Wick Desk (*free of charge*).

Semi-Formal in April

Jot this date down on your calendar, and ask that someone special for a date. The annual Semi-Formal sponsored by the freshman and sophomore classes will be held this year on **Friday, April 18, 1997.**

Yes, this event is for the entire Daemen community, and not just freshmen and sophomores. Faculty and staff, that means you too!!

"CROSS" TRAINING BIBLE STUDY

DAY: Tuesdays
TIME: 8 - 9 pm
PLACE: Alumni Lounge

For more information call:

Jason Beedon.....839-7638

Matthew Dean.....839-7694

Daemen's Lack of ALANA Students

What is the ideal college experience? A quality education and social interaction with many different groups of people. College experience involves an introduction to new ideas, activities, and cultures. In the duration of college life, a student will learn relations to divergent lifestyles. Students will learn more about life by being introduced to an integrated, multi-cultural society.

Daemen College, unfortunately, does not have many ALANA (African American, Latino American, Asian American, Native American) students. Therefore, the college community here at Daemen does not depict any diversity. The lack of variance has caused feelings of exclusion among ALANA students. Some feel as though Daemen has deprived them of their potential college experience.

The activities at Daemen do not correspond with the interest of ALANA students. Daemen social activities such as TGIF, where students gather simply to enjoy themselves because they have endured a strenuous week, does not seem to be an activity for all students. While the white students enjoy themselves at TGIF, the ALANA students await impatiently for a social activity that would include them.

There is a difference in what interest ALANAs and what interests the white students. However, there are also shared interests. Those interests are rarely shared because they are not given the chance to reveal themselves. In retrospect of orientation weekend, most of the activities then did not persuade many ALANA freshman students to participate. One activity was "Singled Out," at the social picnic. The students that attended displayed enthusiasm while partaking in the game.

While at the picnic the ALANA students watched as the activity continued. One of Daemen College's disc jockeys played music. When certain songs were requested by the ALANA group of

students, he refused to play them because: 1) He didn't have the songs or 2) other people requested songs before them. When a certain student went back to his dorm room to acquire some CDs to be played at the picnic, the disc jockey still refused to play them.

Another activity was the "Welcome Back To School Party." The majority of all ALANA resident students attended the party as well as some off campus students. The DJ frequently played the music of Green Day, Metallica, Pearl Jam, and Smashing Pumpkins. When most of the white students left because the next day would be the first day of classes, that was when the DJ decided to play a *taste* of rhythm and blues before the party ended.

ALANA students would like to have activities which speak about their heritage. They would like to attend an activity which play the kind of music that they like to hear. They would like to join a fraternity or sorority of their cultural background on campus. ALANA students would like to know that they are not being excluded from social activities.

Christine Johnson, a HEOP counselor at Daemen College, tries to encourage ALANA students to be active in school activities. When they explain to her that there are not any activities for ALANA students she encourages them to participate in activities of interest at either SUNY's College at Buffalo or the University at Buffalo. Yaclaris Baez, a member of the ALANA group at Daemen stated: "I shouldn't have to go to another school to participate in activities that should be here." Comparable to Yaclaris, many other students share the same feeling. Why should students have to actively engage in recreation at other schools to fulfill the need that their own school should provide?

Daemen's lack of diversity is causing many students to transfer to schools that possess activities for students

from different cultural backgrounds. They transfer to schools that acknowledge and accept their lifestyle. They seek to find schools that not only limit their socialization with members of the same group, but to affiliate with other groups so that they can learn about other cultures and different kinds of people. ALANA students would like to go to schools that encourage intergration. If Daemen plans to keep members of the ALANA group in attendance at Daemen, we have to come together to rectify the social conditions of this school.

By Freda Shirelle Olds,
Social Work major

Multi-Cultural Association and
Resident Council
present

Bachelor Bachelorette Bid-Off

Saturday, January 25, 1997
8 pm, Wick Social Room

Sign up in Wick Lobby
Januray 13 - 17

ASCENT policies

Submissions to the Ascent are due by the 15th day of the month preceding the issue. Send all submissions to the Student Activities Office.

Opinions expressed by writers in the Ascent are not necessarily those of the Ascent or of Daemen College.

Ascent policy is to only print editorials which include a byline.

DAEMEN COLLEGE **JANUARY EVENTS** 1997

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|------------|--|--------------|--|
| JAN 4 | Warriors vs Nyack
<i>Come cheer on the Warriors!</i> | 7:30 pm | Daemen Gym |
| JAN 9 | Lies and Legends: Songs and Stories of Harry Chapin
(JAN 9 - JAN 16, FEB 6 - 16) | | Daemen Theatre
Summerfare Theatre tickets: 839-8540 |
| JAN 10 | TGIF Party!
Presented by Lambda Chi Iota | 5 - 8 pm | Snackbar
\$1 admission |
| JAN 11 | Movie Night (TBA)
Presented by Sigma Phi Epsilon | 8 pm | Alumni Lounge
Free admission and movie snacks! |
| JAN 17 | Business Club Event (TBA) | | |
| JAN 18 | Daemen Coffeehouse
Featuring: Jackson Rohm
(sponsored by the Student Association and Daemen Athletic Club) | 8 pm | Snackbar
Free admission, specialty coffees, and desserts! |
| JAN 21 | Faculty Lecture Series
"From Topography to Typography - Loss of Intuition in the Making of the 20th Century Man-Made Environment" | 7:30 pm | Alumni Lounge
Speaker: Donna Stanton, Art Department |
| JAN 24 | TGIF Party!
Presented by Delta Phi Mu | 5 - 8 pm | Snackbar
\$1 admission |
| JAN 25 | Lady Warriors vs Point Park
Warriors vs Point Park
<i>Come show some Daemen College spirit and come cheer on our teams!!</i> | 2 pm
4 pm | Daemen Gym
Daemen Gym |
| JAN 25 | Bachelor Bid-Off
Presented by Resident Council and Multi-Cultural Association | 8 pm | Social Room |
| JAN 28 | Act Your Age Film Series: "Heathers"
Commentator: Dr. Shirley Peterson, English Department
(Free Admission - Open to the Public) | 7 pm | Alumni lounge |
| JAN 30, 31 | T.O.Y. Performance
"The Lion, The Witch, And The Wardrobe"
Sponsored by the Theater Department | | Daemen Theatre |
| JAN 31 | Business Club Event (TBA) | | |
| FEB 1 | Daemen Coffeehouse (TBA)
Presented by Lambda Chi Iota | 8 pm | Snackbar
Free admission, specialty coffees, and desserts! |